

HB 568 -- SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS IN NEIGHBORHOOD IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS

SPONSOR: Lauer

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Local Government by a vote of 18 to 0.

This bill authorizes the collector in Jackson County to collect a fee for the collection of certain special property tax assessments in neighborhood improvement districts. Currently, only the Boone County collector has this authority.

The bill also specifies that an unpaid special assessment in a neighborhood improvement district that is a lien upon the property may also be foreclosed in the same manner as a tax upon real property by land tax sale under Chapter 141, RSMo, which includes charter counties, certain counties of the first classification, and the City of St. Louis. Currently, these liens may only be foreclosed in the same manner as a tax upon real property by a land tax sale under Chapter 140 or by a judicial foreclosure proceeding at the option of the governing body.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill is necessary so that the lien does not become unsecured or dissolved.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Gatschenberger on behalf of Representative Lauer; Eric Johnson, City of Blue Springs; Missouri Municipal League; and Missouri County Collectors Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.